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TRANSMITTAL FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a United States patent application entitled TEMPORARY CLOSURE DEVICES AND TUBE COUPLINGS INCORPORATING SUCH DEVICES in the name of the following inventor(s): John Derek Guest.

Enclosed are the following:

- X A specification, claims, and abstract in total comprising fourteen (14) pages.
- X Six (6) sheets of drawings.
- X A single signature Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- X An Assignment conveying the invention to John Guest International Limited, including a Form PTO 1595 recordation cover sheet.
- A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.
- The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

☐ Enclosed is a non-publication request requesting that the present application not be published.

☒ A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date by use of Express Mail Label No. EV 396 738 385 US.

☒ Priority to United Kingdom Application Serial No. 0224785.6 filed on October 24, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☒ A certified copy of United Kingdom foreign priority application Serial No 0224785.6 is enclosed.

☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

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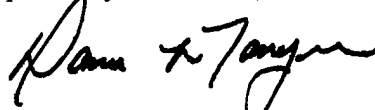
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Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of October 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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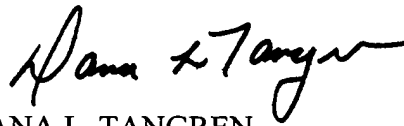
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- Transmittal Letter (3 pages) (in duplicate)
- Patent Application in the name of John Derek Guest for TEMPORARY CLOSURE DEVICES AND TUBE COUPLINGS INCORPORATING SUCH DEVICES (14 pages)
- Drawings (6 sheets)
- Assignment with Form PTO-1595 cover sheet (3 pages)
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages)
- Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$828
- Certified copy of United Kingdom Application No. 0224785.6
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